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PATENT APPLICATION

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
MASAHIRO NISHIO ) Examiner: Terence J. Moore  
Application No.: 10/615,303 ) Art Unit: 2609  
Filed: July 9, 2003 ) Conf. No.: 7086  
For: INFORMATION PROCESSING APPARATUS, )  
INFORMATION PROCESSING METHOD, )  
AND MEDIUM STORING THEREIN )  
PROGRAM FOR EXECUTING THE METHOD : February 20, 2007

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Preliminary to examination, the Examiner is respectfully requested to amend the above-identified application as follows, the claim changes being reflected in the listing that begins at page 2, and the Remarks appearing at page 7: